

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

The Amendments

The amendment to the claims corrects an informality in the claim. The term “the first Raman amplifier” lacked antecedent basis, this being the first identification of a “first Raman amplifier.” Therefore, the indefinite article ‘a’ was substituted into the phrase. The term “the Raman second amplifier” is an obvious typographical error, and was corrected by putting the same words in the correct order. “Amplifier” was misspelled.

These amendments are supported by the specification as filed, and add no new matter to the application, Applicants earnestly solicit entry thereof.

Remarks

As set forth in the Office Action, the claim is allowable now that it has been amended to correct both the lack of antecedent basis and the typographical errors. There being no other claims pending in the application, the application has been put in unambiguous condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit an indication of allowance.

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It is believed that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required to enter the amendments and reconsider the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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